GOVERNMENTOF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Smt. U.Uma Maheswaramma, the then JDA, Kurnool and at present working as PD, ATMA, Kurnool, and (4) others – Initiation of departmental actions u/r 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with under common proceedings u/r 24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Article of charge – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 854 **Dated: 16-12-2020.**

Read the following:-

1. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P.,Guntur, Lr.Dt:18.10.2019.
2. Govt. Memo.No.AGC01-AGRI/309/2019, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., Dated:15/11/2019, 06/02/2020 , 24.07.2020 & 29.09.2020.
3. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr. No Vig 1(2)34/2019, dated: 22-04-020, 14.09.2020 & 30.10.2020.
4. Govt. Memo. No. AGC01-AGRI/309/2019, A&C(Vig.I) Dept., Dated:16.12.2020.

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ORDER :-

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against the said Smt. U.Uma Maheswaramma, the then JDA, Kurnool and at present working as PD, ATMA, Kurnool, and (4) others in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the Inquiry is proposed to be held against Smt. U.Uma Maheswaramma, the then JDA, Kurnool and at present working as PD, ATMA, Kurnool is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charges (Annexure-I). Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehavior on which action is proposed to be taken against her as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Smt. U.Uma Maheswaramma, the then JDA, Kurnool and at present working as PD, ATMA, Kurnool, is directed to submit within 15 days of the receipt of this G.O. a written statement of her defense and also to state whether she desires to be heard in person.

4. Smt. U.Uma Maheswaramma, the then JDA, Kurnool and at present working as PD, ATMA, Kurnool, is further informed that an Inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.

5. Smt. U.Uma Maheswaramma, the then JDA, Kurnool and at present working as PD, ATMA, Kurnool, is further informed that if she

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does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt. U.Uma Maheswaramma, the then JDA, Kurnool and at present working as PD, ATMA, Kurnool, is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interest in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on herbehalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. U.Uma Maheswaramma, the then JDA, Kurnool and at present working as PD, ATMA, Kurnool, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. U.Uma Maheswaramma, the then JDA, Kurnool and at present working as PD, ATMA, Kurnool, (through the Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, A.P.,Guntur)

Copy to:

The Commissioner and Director of Agriculture, A.P.,Guntur, (with a request to serve this order to the charged officer and return the served copy with dated acknowledgement.)
SC/SF.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF DRAFT ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. U.UMA MAHESWARAMMA, JDA (FAC), KURNOOL.

Article of Charge-I:

"that Smt. U.UmaMaheswaramma, JDA(FAC), Kurnool, while functioning as Joint Director of Agriculture, Kurnool during the period from 2015 to 2018 has failed to be vigilant and alert towards her duties while scrutinizing the files submitted by the subordinates for sanction of amounts meant for the benefit of farmers under NFSM and NMOOP schemes. The JDA has sanctioned and issued proceedings for (15) bills for an amount of Rs.89,95,000/- out of 16 bills. As a result, Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst, O/o JDA, Kurnool has fraudulently misappropriated the government funds. Thus she neglected in discharging her legitimate duties properly and violated the Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964".

Article of Charge-II:

"that Smt. U.UmaMaheswaramma, JDA (FAC), Kurnool has approved the bills for payment even though such files were not routed through the superintendent and other higher level officers which is against the laid down principles of office procedure submitting the bills for approval by the competent authority. Had the office procedure strictly followed and checked by every level officer at every stage, the fraud and misappropriation of Government funds by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst would not be happened. Thus she neglected in discharging her legitimate duties properly and violated the Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964".

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARER FRAMED AGAINST SMT. U.UMA MAHESWARAMMA, JDA (FAC), KURNOOL

In respect of Chare —I:

It is brought to the notice of the undersigned by the Collector & District Magistrate vide Lr.No. No. REV-ASECODPA/50/2019-SA (A5)-COLLKRNL, dt: 20.08.2019 that he has appointed a Four Men Committee to probe into the fact of misappropriation of Government funds by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst (U/S), O/o JDA,Kurnool and submit report. The Four Men Committee in its submitted report has stated that a total subsidy amount of Rs.97.55 lakhs was fraudulently misappropriated by the Junior Assistant by submitting 16 bills on four number of fake companies, created in the names of Swathi Agro industries, Swathi Agro Agencies, M/s Swathi Agencies, Kurnool and Swathi Pipes Private limited and one bill File No.AGCO2-32026(31)/1/2019-VIG - AGRHOD on the name of approved firm M/s. Satish Agro industries by resubmitting the bill with already paid bill mentioning his wife SB Account. The JDA has sanctioned and issued proceedings for (15) bills for an amount of Rs.89,95,000 /- out of 16 bills.

Therefore, the aforesaid officer has shown gross negligence in discharging her legitimate duties and violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

In respect of Chare -II:

It is brought to the notice of the undersigned by the Collector & District Magistrate vide Lr.No. No. REV-ASECODPA/50/2019-SA (A5)-COLLKRNL, dt: 20.08.2019 that he has appointed a Four Men Committee to probe into the fact of misappropriation of Government funds by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr.Asst (U/S), O/o JDA, Kurnool and submit the report. The Four Men Cmmittee in its report has stated that misappropriation of Government funds could not be happened, if the office procedure strictly followed and checked by every level officer at every stage and also opinioned that the above Officer has not exercised her duties and failed in discharging her official duties.

Therefore, the aforesaid Officer has shown grave procedural irregularity and violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. U.UMA MAHESWARAMMA, JDA (FAC), KURNOOL ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1)Report of Four Men committee appointed by the Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool to enquire about the fraud and misappropriation of funds pertaining to NFSM & NMOOP schemes in the O/o JDA, Kurnool by Sri. G. Rajesh, Jr. Asst (U/S), O/o JDA, Kurnool.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. U.UMA MAHESWARAMMA, JIM (FAC), KURNOOL ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Sri. G. Rajesh, Junior Assistant (U/S), O/o JDA, Kurnool.
2. Sri. M. Gireesh, the then Agril.Officer (TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool and now ADA, O/o DDA(FTC), Nandyal.
3, Sri. C. Ashok Kumar Reddy, Agril.Officer (TA), O/o JDA, Kurnool

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